

25 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : DCI Morning Meeting

1. Some evidence from the photographs of changes in the Artemisa and Holguin camps perhaps indicative of Cuban occupancy.

2. General Carter reported, and I expanded, on our recent trip. He particularly mentioned the flight characteristics of the U-2 and our discussions with Johnson et al relative to possible use of carriers for U-2 bases. DCI directed that we on a high priority basis make a study of possible carrier deployment for U-2's. ACTION - OSA. General Carter also commented favorably on the dedication and competence of the individuals at Edwards.

He then discussed his observations of [REDACTED] He was particularly impressed by the bird and the scale of operations which were being conducted at [REDACTED] with a minimum number of people. He indicated that he felt that the program was too austere and that we should make plans for a larger complement and more facilities which would be in keeping with a realistic number of aircraft which might be based there. (This is an ideal time to come forward with the proposal for the expansion of OXCART support.) I also elaborated on the problems which we were having with the A-12 in increasing the performance.

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We also reported on the visit to [REDACTED] Details of this are covered in a separate memorandum.

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3. There was a discussion of the various Special Group items for the Tuesday meeting. The DCI requested information on the status of [REDACTED] negotiations, and I indicated I would provide this. He also requested a briefing on U-2 availability status in terms of the various requirements which were in the offing. (This was provided Monday afternoon after discussions with OSA and [REDACTED])

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4. There was some discussion of Agency relationships with the ACDA. The DCI expressed considerable concern that ACDA was prone to quote people out of context in defending their positions and seemed more interested in moving forward on disarmament regardless of consequences. He was strongly opposed to fulltime assignment of an individual to ACDA, but all agreed on my urging that we should increase our support to disarmament within the Agency since many things were going by default.

5. DCI expressed interest in the Egyptian missile program since this was receiving lots of publicity these days. He requested DD/I conduct a review of status in case we were asked questions.

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